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## **AAA welcomes appointment of Tony Mathews**

The Australian Airports Association (AAA) has welcomed the appointment of Tony Mathews as the Chair of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA).

AAA Chief Executive Officer Caroline Wilkie said Mr Mathews' depth of experience in the aviation industry would make him a welcome addition to the Board.

"Tony has more than 40 years of experience in the industry and has seen many different aspects of aviation in Australia during that time," Ms Wilkie said.

"His knowledge and insight will be a great asset to CASA as it continues to support the safe operation of our industry."

Mr Wilkie said it was particularly pleasing to see the appointment of someone with extensive regional experience to the leadership role.

Mr Mathews has worked for the Royal Flying Doctor Service and was also a Director of the Regional Aviation Association of Australia.

"In an industry as diverse of ours, we are pleased to see someone with a detailed understanding of the unique issues facing regional airports lead the CASA board," Ms Wilkie said.

Mr Mathews' previous tenure on the Airservices Australia board would also provide a strong understanding of the opportunities and challenges facing our growing national aviation network.

"The safe and efficient operation of our airports is of the utmost importance and we look forward to continuing to work with CASA on these issues," Ms Wilkie said.

"It is great to see someone of Tony's calibre take on this essential leadership role in what is an exciting and busy time for the industry."

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